

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	SMALL, Robert J., et al.	Confirmation No.:	
Serial No.:	UNKNOWN (continuation of Appl. 09/965,233)	Art Unit:	UNKNOWN (1755 in parent application)
Filed:	September 20, 2003	Examiner:	UNKNOWN (Marcheschi, Michael in parent application)
For:	METHOD OF CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION	Attorney Docket No.:	8317-215-999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants would like to point out that this application is being processed by a different firm than the parent application. Further communication should be forwarded to the undersigned at:

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Changes to the Claims are on page 3,
Remarks are at page 7.